

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
San Francisco Division

IN THE MATTER OF A DEPOSITION
SUBPOENA SERVED IN:

METAx LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.

META PLATFORMS, INC.,
Defendant.

Case No. 24-mc-80221-LB

DISCOVERY ORDER

Re: ECF No. 1

Non-party Beige Key LLC filed a motion to quash MetaX's deposition subpoena and declined magistrate-judge jurisdiction.

First, under the court's case-assignment plan, declined miscellaneous cases are not reassigned unless they are 28 U.S.C. § 1782 petitions, which are case-dispositive matters that require the parties' consent. *CPC Pat. Techs. Pty Ltd. v. Apple, Inc.*, 34 F.4th 801, 807–08 (9th Cir. 2022).

Second, the court suggests (but does not require) following the discovery-dispute procedures set forth in the attached standing order. They can result in a faster resolution than the normal five-week motion process. The procedures require, among other things, that if a meet-and-confer by other means does not resolve the parties' dispute, lead counsel for the parties must meet and confer and then submit a joint letter brief with information about any unresolved disputes. The letter brief must be filed under the Civil Events category of "Motions and Related Filings > Motions – General >

1 Discovery Letter Brief.” After reviewing the joint letter brief, the court will evaluate whether future
2 proceedings are necessary, including any further briefing or argument. If the parties agree to that
3 process, they can proceed by way of a letter brief, and the court can either decide the issue or ask
4 for full briefing. The parties must confer with one week (or ask for more time if they need it) to see
5 whether they can agree to that process. If they cannot, then Beige K must notice its motion for a
6 hearing on the ordinary schedule under the local rules by filing a one-page motion cross-referencing
7 the earlier-filed motion and notice it for a hearing on any available calendar on Thursdays at 9:30
8 a.m. at least five weeks after the date of the notice.

9 Third, the court needs chambers copies of the existing motions at ECF Nos. 1 and 2 that comply
10 with the requirements of the standing order.

11 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

12 Dated: September 6, 2024



13 LAUREL BEELER
14 United States Magistrate Judge
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